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AT 40c A POUND, neatly put up in Christmas boxes:

Caramels, Nougatines, Peanut Clusters, Marshmallows, Chocolate Peppermint, Chocolate Chips, Grape Juice, Cordial, Cherries in Syrup, Chocolate Almonds and others.

AT 30c A POUND:

Italian Creams, Molasko, Caramels, Matinee, Whipped Creams, Charlotte Russe, Virginians, Butterscotch, Nougatines, Sponge, Coffee Snow, Dulcet, Creme de Menthe and a number of other equally delicious kinds.

PURE CANDIES AT 15c A POUND

With sugar at its present high cost, this is the lowest price at which ABSOLUTELY PURE AND WHOLESOME CANDIES can be sold, and we sell no other kind.

OUR 15c CANDIES are (and we're told so by many every day) the equal in prettiness and just as tasty as many candies sold at 20c and 25c a pound.

SPECIAL PRICES ON QUANTITY LOTS to Sunday-schools and other institutions.

THESE VARIETIES: Peppermint Cups, Clove Cups, Butterscotch Cups, Cherry Cups, Saffronettes, Peanut Brittle, Gum Drops, Chocolates and others.

SPECIAL PACKAGE XMAS CANDIES

Assorted Chocolates and other delicious Candies in especially attractive boxes, put up in sizes to suit every taste and purse, 10c, 15c, 25c, 30c and 50c a box.

Boxed Marshmallows—A fresh supply at 15c and 25c box. Candy Booth, Near Sixth Street Elevator, Main Floor.

EZEKIEL QUILTS SETTling BASIN

Clear Water Expert Resigns to Engage in Other Business.

LEAVES HIGHLY INDORSED

Water Department Officials Looking for Suitable Man to Take Charge of Plant.

Director Edwin N. Ezekiel, of the settling basin, handed his resignation to Superintendent Eugene E. Davis, of the Water Department, yesterday morning to take effect January 1, when he expects to go into business. Mr. Davis has as yet made no appointment to fill the position, but is considering several applications. The position pays \$1,500 a year and requires that the occupant shall be both a capable chemist who can make daily analyses of the water and also a capable executive officer, who can take daily direction of the operation of the water clearing plant and the management of the force of men employed there.

Mr. Ezekiel has been with the Water Department as its chemist since 1907. Previously he was associated with Chief Health Officer E. C. Levy, previous to the creation of the present Health Department, in a prolonged series of experiments and tests of methods of purification of city water in an effort to reach the exact formula by which the settling basins should be operated. Mr. Levy was appointed Health Officer, Mr. Ezekiel continued with the Water Department as its chemist, carrying on the daily tests of bacteriological and other conditions in river water over a period of several years before the settling basins were finally completed and put into use in the latter part of Monday.

Two Years of Clear Water. For the past two years he has had actual and daily charge of the basins, has directed the intake of water at times when the river was suitable, has taken daily analyses of samples both of river and basin water, directed the amounts of coagulants to be used from day to day, and the manner of its use, and generally had direction of the water clarification plant under supervision of the Superintendent of the Water Works. At no time in the past two years has there been noticeable discoloration or any other defect in the water furnished to citizens, though an average of from 12,000,000 to 15,000,000 gallons has been used daily during that entire period.

Recently there has been some agitation to consolidate the office of chemist of the Water Department with the office of City Chemist, to which strong opposition has been voiced by Superintendent Davis, Chairman Morgan H. Mills, of the Council Committee on Water, and Chief Health Officer Levy. It is pointed out that the daily analyses of water must be made on the ground to be effective; that the Water Department already has a sufficiently well equipped laboratory at the basins to do this work, and that there would be no economy, since even though all analyses were made by the City Chemist, there must be a capable officer in daily charge of the basins to insure clear and pure water.

Needs Expert Handling. Very slight variations from the formula, such as might be anticipated at the hands of inexperienced men, might result either in using too little coagulant, thus leaving the water discolored, or, what would be more serious, the use of too much, thus leaving in the water and other coagulants making it undesirable for use, as well as entailing a great expense for the material wasted. A very slight variation in the amount of alum used might result in a year in far more waste than the cost of the salary of the present director of the basins.

Superintendent Davis said last night that he had accepted Mr. Ezekiel's resignation, and could not stand in his way, but that he greatly regretted to lose so capable a man. Mr. Davis opened the door to the position, which is a hard one to fill, since it required a man capable of making the analyses, of handling men and of sufficient responsibility to be left in daily direction of that part of the water works on which the success of all the rest depends. The Health Department also urges that the greatest care be taken in making a proper selection, as, in the hands of an incompetent man, the city might lose the great benefit it has derived from an unflinching supply of clear water.

FRATERNITY HAS BANQUET

Members of the Pi Mu Gather Here for Annual Meeting.

The annual banquet of the Pi Mu Fraternity took place last night at the Commonwealth Club, following the opening of the winter term of the club. About sixty delegates, representing colleges in various parts of the country and of the University of Virginia, were present. The meeting will come to a close tomorrow at the Westmoreland Club. Following the election of officers, the closing feature will be a theatre party to-night at the Bijou.

PICKED UP UNCONSCIOUS

H. T. Allen Removed to Hospital, Where He Died Later.

H. T. Allen, a white man, fifty-five years old, was picked up in an unconscious condition on the street last night, and taken to the City Hospital. A charge of drunkenness was made against him, but he failed to recover from his stupor, and the city ambulance was hastily summoned. Dr. Crowley responded and immediately saw that the man was in a dangerous condition. Allen was taken to the City Hospital, where he died a short time later. Inquiries as to his death were communicated to the police.

Detectives were unable last night to find out where Allen lived and whether he had any relatives. He is said to have been arrested several times before.

GET MAIL TO-MORROW

Main Post-Office and Stations Will Be Open From 3 to 5.

More than sixteen extra deliveries of mail were made yesterday from the main post-office and stations A and B and Manchester station. In this manner all chances of any congestion were avoided.

Postmaster Edgar A. Allen, Jr., said that he anticipated no difficulty in promptly handling the Christmas rush, which is proving heavier this year than ever before. Substitute carriers will make deliveries throughout to-morrow, while Monday they will be one regular delivery, augmented by the work of substitutes and those regular messengers who are willing to work. But more than one delivery will not be compulsory.

Carriers' windows at the post-office and stations will be open for the delivery of mail to-morrow, and will be open from 10 o'clock, and Christmas morning the entire post-office will be open from 9 to 11.

Mr. Allen has asked the public to take advantage of these hours and call for mail that it may be gotten out of the office as fast as possible.

EMPIRE THEATRE WILL GET PERMIT

Inspector Beck Satisfied on Examination After Writing Major Werner.

ISSUE IT THIS AFTERNOON

New Presbyterian Church in Fairmont Must Await Councils Action.

Although Building Inspector Beck notified Chief of Police Werner yesterday that the Empire Theatre had not been granted a permit to open, the Police Department was expected to prevent the formal opening on Monday, he announced last night that the permit would probably be issued this afternoon. This statement was made by Major Werner, who had inspected the house and had found that nearly all of the demands from his department had been complied with. There are one or two matters to be arranged to-day, although Mr. Beck is satisfied that everything will be in shape. Mr. Werner was informed that the house would therefore be opened on Christmas Day as advertised. The management went right to work when it heard of Mr. Beck's letter, and by so doing met all his requirements.

Letter to Major Werner.

Mr. Beck yesterday morning sent the following letter to Major Werner, calling his attention to three distinct matters: "No permit has been issued to the Empire Theatre for any opening on Christmas Day, as advertised. This is to notify you that any attempt to open this building, unless it shall be done on a duly authorized permit, is in violation of the city ordinance, and I trust you will take the proper steps to see that the place is kept closed until this permit is obtained. The building in its present condition fails to meet the requirements of this ordinance and of the Chief of the Fire Department.

"Johnson's Hall, on Leigh Street, near St. James Street, has not received a permit to open, and any use of this hall is also a violation of existing city ordinances.

"The Presbyterian Church in Fairmont has not received, and will not receive, a permit from this office, as the church itself was erected upon a special ordinance from the Council, and its opening must likewise be sanctioned by that body, as I decline to authorize its opening under the present ordinance.

Meets Code Requirements. The new Empire Theatre was erected by M. L. Hoffmann and leased by a syndicate headed by Jack Wells as a high-grade vaudeville house, seating 1,100 patrons. It is an expensive and highly ornamented building, practically fireproof, and meeting the Building Department's requirements as to the construction of theatres better than any existing theatre in the city, being the only theatre erected since the new code was adopted. It is stated that the defects are of a minor character, being mainly a failure to install red lamps and painted or enameled pipes, and other hose and connections and similar appliances which city ordinances require in buildings of this character.

City ordinances are very specific that no theatre or similar public building shall be opened without a written permit from the Building Inspector and the Chief of the Fire Department, who must certify that after examination they find the building to comply with city ordinances as to safety devices and appliances.

Johnson's Hall, on Leigh Street, needs fire escapes and other provisions for public safety. It is designed to be used by colored people. In the case of the new Presbyterian Church in Fairmont, Mr. Beck takes the ground that since the Council has taken that matter out of his hands, any permission for its opening and use must be granted by the Council. Some months ago the officers of the First Presbyterian Church applied for permission to erect a small frame chapel in Fairmont as a gathering place for the Presbyterian families living in that vicinity, the plan being to use this place of worship as a nucleus around which to gather a sufficient congregation to justify the erection later of a permanent brick church building. The Building Inspector refused a permit, since the plans for the frame chapel did not meet the requirements of the Building Code. A special ordinance was introduced and adopted by the Council, granting to George R. Cannon and others the right to erect a frame chapel at the point indicated, and the new building is now practically completed. Under the circumstances, Mr. Beck says he will not assume the risk of its use, nor will the Chief of the Fire Department sanction the growing of people into a structure of this character. The new chapel, therefore, cannot be used save by the express permission of the City Council.

Johnson's Hall, used by colored people, will get no opening permit until fire escapes are provided.

Care for Historical Material.

A meeting of representatives from various historical and patriotic societies will be held under the auspices of the State Department at the residence of Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. J. Taylor Ellyson on next Wednesday afternoon. It is the purpose of the meeting to organize for the purpose of asking the General Assembly to arrange for the care and classification of the historical material in the State Library relating to the Revolutionary period.

DESERTERS ARE ON PENSION ROLLS

Lee Camp Discusses Investigation—Would Make It Roll of Honor.

DR. MASON MADE COMMANDER

Two Ministers Honored at Annual Election—Flag Given by Sponsor.

Frauds on the pension rolls of Virginia was under considerable discussion at the meeting of Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans, last night, at the residence of Major Werner, who presided. Those who spoke agreed that deserters who draw money from the State were denounced, and the opinion seemed to be general that some action should be taken. There was no motion regarding the matter, since Colonel Joseph N. Blanton, who brought the subject to the attention of the camp, suggested that the members should give it some thought before taking any sort of action.

It was evident, however, that the veterans felt deeply on the subject. Those who spoke agreed that deserters who draw money from the State were denounced, and the opinion seemed to be general that some action should be taken. There was no motion regarding the matter, since Colonel Joseph N. Blanton, who brought the subject to the attention of the camp, suggested that the members should give it some thought before taking any sort of action.

Deserter Drew Pension. Colonel Ridgwood, who, in his position as clerk of Virginia Military Records, has much information on the matter of soldiers' records, suggested that the camp should memorialize the Legislature to have the pension office should be investigated. He said he felt sure there were a number of deserters on the rolls. He gave one instance: A man applied for a pension and his application was approved by Lee Camp. Later he was discovered to be a deserter from the Southern cause.

D. A. Brown, Jr., quartermaster of Lee Camp, expressed the opinion that the camp should do its full duty in approving applications. He condemned the practice of receiving and approving such a paper on the same night, and said it should lie over for investigation for at least a week.

Should Be Supervised. The opinion of Attorney-General Samuel W. Williams was in some sort of localized supervision. He felt that camps did not always do their full duty in this matter. He called attention to the fact that the fore in the pension clerk's office is an unnecessary permit to the detection of abuses, especially in the case of applications come in from camps of veterans.

The only solution, in the opinion of Adjutant J. Taylor Stratton, was in the constitution of a central board of, say, three men located in Richmond, and complete investigation. He also gave an instance of an application which almost went through, when almost by accident it was stopped by receipt of information from the War Department that, according to the Confederate rolls, the man had been a deserter.

Officers Are Elected. The annual election of officers for the camp was held last night and resulted as follows: Rev. Landon R. Mason, D. D., commander; T. Cabrey Jones, first lieutenant-commander; Edgar D. Taylor, second lieutenant-commander; Rev. James E. Poindexter, third lieutenant-commander; J. Taylor Stratton, adjutant; D. A. Brown, Jr., quartermaster; George T. Dean, officer of the day; Colonel W. B. Freeman, treasurer; W. B. Lightfoot, sergeant-major; J. J. H. Brower, vidette; A. C. Wrenn, color sergeant; George Winfree and W. R. Wood, color guards; John N. Gordon, member of executive committee for three years.

John W. Gordon is the retiring commander of the camp.

The camp now has two ministers in important offices. Dr. Mason is rector of Grace Episcopal Church, while Mr. Poindexter is rector of the Church of the Ascension, Highland Park. He now starts on the road to promotion, the other officers being advanced each a step.

Mrs. Rosalind Roberts Evans, of Salem, sponsored for the camp at the Little Rock reunion, sent a Christmas present in the form of a Confederate battle flag.

Will of Error Granted. The Supreme Court of Appeals on yesterday granted a writ of error and supersedeas to the Water Front Coal Company in its suit against the Smithfield, Maryland and Transportation Company on an appeal from a judgment of the Circuit Court of that county. It seems that the coal company brought suit and attached "some property. While the suit was decided in favor of the complainant for \$1,200.75, the court ordered the attachment to be dissolved on the ground that this part of the proceeding had not been matured by order of publication.

Will Send for Kouri. The Turkish government will make every effort to have Joseph Kouri, a Syrian, under arrest here on suspicion of having murdered one of his children in Syria two years ago, transported to his native country for trial.

Major Werner received a letter from the Turkish embassy in Washington yesterday notifying him that a representative of the foreign power would be dispatched from New York to take Kouri back. The man represented by Hiram Smith, who will fight extradition.

Picked Up by Police. William Ruffin, colored, was arrested yesterday on a charge of assaulting Charles Lawrence with a knife.

William Jordan, colored, was arrested on a charge of stealing \$6 from Lucy Tull.

School Trustees. The School Trustees' Executive Board of Henrico county met yesterday morning at the courthouse and elected the following new trustees: T. A. Cary, trustee for the Highland Park District; and P. M. Barber, of Highland Springs, trustee for the Fairfield District.

Marriage Licenses. Marriage licenses were issued yesterday in the Hustings Court to Philip S. Carroll and Mamie Viola Goin; Alice C. Marshall and Willie H. Holt; Lawrence Duke and Marcella Treddinger; Walter N. Shine and Kate E. Lunford; and to William H. Smith and Sarah Araminta Redford.

Quick and Satisfactory Service

In every department will be given you. Assortments are large and all goods are of such a character that they will add pleasure to the recipient.

Gans-Rady Company

ONE MORE PLUNGE IN SHOPPINGDOM

HAVE NEW ARMORY WITHIN ONE YEAR

Final Lap in Buying Marathon Will Be Run Despite Rain To-Day.

The final lap, but one, in the Christmas shopping Marathon, was run yesterday, and, despite the fact that the morning was heavy, some mighty fast strides were made. Previous records, made on a faster track, and under much better conditions, were sent back into the infant class, while mudders, not known to the local sporting fraternity, were unveiled in such large numbers that the talent was second choice, while the long shots came under the wire winners with a unanimity which made the form players back water.

Indeed, instead of acting as a deterrent in the matter of Christmas shopping, the rain of yesterday and today before, seemed an impetus for those who had not already purchased to enter the already busy stores and select just what they wanted to please the one who was to be recipient of the gift. It may have been that yesterday was selected because they knew not what to-day would bring forth. But whatever the reason, Richmond's shopping district was just as crowded as it might have been had the day been fair and the sun shining in all its winter glory.

Know What to Expect. The weather man, to whom all sorts and conditions of people look during this season of the year, told of prospective cloudiness and probable rain. In bold black type the information had gone forth, and for one hour before the weather man was right. Long before the cock gave his warning note that another day had been born, a deep and penetrating rain began to fall. The streets, already wet by a twenty-four hours' drizzling, became almost immersed in water, and long before this the stream of humanity began its march to the retail districts. Moreover, that same stream continued to flow throughout the day.

There was no cessation. Indeed, the stream increased and seemed to grow out of its very discontinuity. It is a fact that many who had started out merely with the idea of looking over what was offered, were driven indoors by the weeping clouds, and were perforce compelled to purchase or else take advantage of a hospitality which was accorded only to those who came to select something which might appeal to the folks at home.

Merchants Not Grumbling. Instead of depressing those who had temerity enough to start out, the weather really acted as an incentive to purchase, and the merchants have no cause for complaint from the people of Richmond because they showed reticence and a fair weather spirit in the face of the approaching Christmas holidays.

It has been a great shopping period, and was never better exemplified than under the horrible conditions which have prevailed for the past two days. Indeed, should the weather improve to-day, there will be nothing beyond the normal in the shopping districts, because those who had to purchase did not allow wet streets and downpouring rain to stop them in their duty.

Building Permits. Building and repair permits were issued yesterday as follows: J. H. Chappell, to erect two two-story double brick tenements on the east side of Vine Street between Floyd and Grove Avenues, to cost \$12,000.

J. H. Chappell to erect four detached two-story brick dwellings on the north side of Floyd Avenue between Vine and Lombardy Streets, to cost \$18,000.

Soi Cutchins, to repair two frame dwellings, 121-123 Sumner Street, to cost \$250.

Mr. Blanton Has Appendicitis. B. W. L. Blanton, brother of Dr. Charles A. Blanton, was operated on yesterday at the Memorial Hospital for appendicitis. His condition last night was said to be satisfactory.

Christmas Holiday Dates. On sale December 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31, 1911, and January 1, 1912. Final list, January 8, 1912.

The Richmond Transfer Company, 800 East Main Street, Jefferson Hotel, Murphy's Hotel.

DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

FATHER TIME can't do much DAMAGE TO PEARL-I-C ROOFING TIN

Gordon Metal Co. Richmond Va.

Mr. Henry L. Cabell's subject at City Auditorium, January 2nd, will be: "The Causes of Richmond's Growth--Past and Present."

Richmond Advertisers' Club

WOMAN ROBBED BY BURLY NEGRO

Mrs. Baker Terrified When He Seized Her and Escaped With Purse.

Frightened nearly out of her senses, Mrs. J. E. Baker, of 2410 N Street, was held up near the corner of Twenty-fifth and Clay Streets early last night and robbed of a pocketbook containing \$16 or \$17 and a number of car keys. The negro, a big, burly man, wearing a black fur cap, sprang out on her suddenly, and demanded that she surrender. Mrs. Baker, it was said, was so frightened that she was unable to scream, and the highwayman snatched her purse and ran. The police were notified, and Officer Bertrams was sent to the scene. He was informed that the negro laid hands on Mrs. Baker, and that she had been badly choked. She was unable to give a definite description of her assailant.

A few hours later Douglas J. Collier, of 217 North Twentieth Street, reported that an attempt to hold up a woman was made in Twenty-fifth and Venable Streets. He told the police that a black negro pointed a revolver at him and demanded his money. Mr. Collier simply turned on his heel, driving the negro to flee, and walked away. The highwayman dropped the muzzle of his weapon and took the other direction.

READY FOR PARADE

Police to Patrol Broad Street To-Night to Prevent Disorder.

To prevent all possible trouble and to see that the usual crowds are orderly, Broad Street, on which the Christmas Eve parade will be held to-night, is a sort of a "hot spot" in Richmond, will be amply patrolled by officers in uniform and plain clothes men. Especial orders have been issued to the police to allow no bonfires or use of fireworks or explosives in the vicinity of hospitals and churches, or where persons are known to be ill. The ordinance relative to the sale of toy pistols and the carrying and shooting of guns, toy pistols or cannons on the streets will be rigidly enforced. Bonfires on asphalt streets or near curbs and gutters will not be permitted, and the practice of boys in forming woads to force their way through crowds will be stopped immediately. Persons inclined to be rowdy or disorderly will be arrested without parley or hesitation.

Germania Lodge Officers. Germania Lodge, No. 12, K. of C., elected the following officers at its meeting last night: C. C. C. E. Leehr, V. C. W. A. Toth, P. J. C. Selbert, K. of R. and S. C. C. Oberick, M. of E. D. A. Meider, M. of W. W. C. Maddox, M. A. W. Gehrmann, I. G. A. Brantz, O. G. J. Hoffmann, D. E. H. Hartung, E. Leehr, Trustees: C. Drinker, E. Hartung, P. Hoffmann. On January 4 these officers will be installed.

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A generally accepted fact that all business depends on Basic Conditions. Statisticians have divided all of the basic subjects into groups. The group are Crops, Metals Mined, Foreign Trade, Money Movements, etc., etc.

As the volume of business and the prices of manufactured products depend largely on Basic Conditions, every business man is interested. Appreciating the detail work necessary to securing a correct estimate of the movement and tendencies of basic groups, this bank issues on the last day of each month a Digest of Business Conditions for the entire country. Business men desiring to receive this report need only notify us by mail or telephone. No charge is made for the service.

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